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HONORING THE LATE ALEX A. HAUGHT, FEBRUARY 17, 1964-MARCH 3, 1999-REMEMBERING HIS LIFE, SERVICE, AND FRIENDSHIP

### HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 1999*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, we are here today to remember our friend, Alex Haught, for there is so much to remember.

I remember when I hired Alex. I already knew a lot about him, his reputation preceded him: law degree, fund-raiser, a great people person, he knew the issues, he was vastly experienced with an excellent political network. And, based on the things I knew about Alex, I hired him.

But those are not the things I remember the most.

I remember how likable he was. He was a great listener. He possessed a gentle sweetness in his character. He genuinely cared about people and had friends in every walk of life. I remember that Alex loved to hunt and fish. When I took him fishing, he caught the biggest fish. He loved his dogs, Truman and Scout, he loved his old Bronco, and the outdoors. I remember Alex as a country boy working in big cities.

I remember his infectious laugh, his loyalty, his compassionate and easygoing manner and his patience. Alex was very unselfish. He was funny. He was tough. He was sensitive.

His tastes were simple. Alex loved music and sports. Most of all, Alex loved his family and his friends.

I trusted, respected and counted on Alex Haught. I loved Alex. As did people in the White House. So did people in White House, Tennessee.

I remember my great faith in Alex Haught—such faith that I placed a large responsibility for my own political future directly on his shoulders, because you could place that kind of faith in Alex. He accomplished more in a brief life than most people could in several lifetimes, and he had a lot more to give.

I will miss my friend Alex Haught deeply and I will always remember him.

I will remember the sense of calm assuredness that Alex imparted every day, over and over. He believed in me and he believed in each of you, even when we disappointed him. I will remember Alex's comfort dealing in the highest circles of power and his discomfort and power's pretentious trappings. I will remember his approach to solving problems and how he dealt with people. I will remember how Alex built bridges.

Most important of all, I will always remember how Alex, even on the busiest day, stopped to smell the roses. Politics is a difficult and demanding profession. Most days we race from one meeting to the next. You take one call while two are on hold and can work with someone for years without learning anything significant about them as a person.

But not Alex. He didn't walk up to your desk, state his business and leave. Alex sat in the chair and talked about life for a while first. He had a rare ability that made you want to

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tell him your deepest secrets. He would listen and he would listen some more. And, there was always a hint of humor even in the darkest hour. Alex loved life. And somehow, being around Alex always made you enjoy life more too.

The clock might be ticking on a critical vote in history, but it was never so important that Alex couldn't stop to ask about the latest on the University of Tennessee Volunteers football team. A deadline might be imminent, but not so pressing Alex couldn't share a joke, or a quick burger, or take your phone call.

Tennessee has lost a true leader. Our Nation has lost a bright young mind full of ideas and possibilities. And, I have lost a friend.

Alex Haught's legacy is stamped on our political system and in our individual hearts.

I miss him deeply. And Alex, I will always, always remember.

### TRIBUTE TO THE MANSFIELD LADY TIGERS

### HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 1999*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today in praise of a remarkable group of student athletes, the Lady Tigers of Mansfield High School. This past weekend, the Lady Tigers won Mansfield's first-ever state championship in any sport by beating Corpus Christi Carroll to become Texas state champions in girls basketball.

Mr. Speaker, I just returned this morning from my district and I can tell you that the girls of Mansfield High have spread Tiger-fever throughout North Texas. Mansfield is a town with just one high school and the local school district is the largest employer, so it is expected that the Lady Tigers would be the talk of Mansfield.

But communities throughout North Texas have rallied behind the Lady Tigers, and the media in Dallas and Fort Worth have been filled with stories of the Mansfield girls toppling opponents from bigger schools. In fact, on their route to the state finals, the Lady Tigers defeated the team previously ranked number one in the entire country.

Congratulations to Mansfield Superintendent Vernon Newsom, Lady Tiger coach Samantha Morrow, and most of all to the mighty Mansfield Lady Tiger student athletes. Your hard work and dedication throughout this season have been an inspiration to everyone in North Texas. You have our gratitude for an inspiring and exciting season. Hopefully this will be the first of many trips to Austin for the Mansfield Lady Tigers.

### MARY CURTIS ARANHA, MARYLAND'S 1999 MOTHER OF THE YEAR

### HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Maryland's 1999 Mother of the Year Mary

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Curtis Aranha. She will represent Maryland at the national convention of American Mothers, Inc. (AMI) in Honolulu, Hawaii, on April 27, 1999, where a national Mother of the Year will be selected—a practice that began in 1935 with Sara Delano Roosevelt.

A resident of Capitol Heights, MD and my constituent, she has been cited by Governor Parris Glendening for her devotion to her family as well as her tireless efforts on behalf of the education and moral development of other children and families throughout Maryland. As Principal of Benjamin Foulois Traditional Academy, she introduced a program of character education and mother mentoring that has inspired emulation in many Maryland communities and has received national recognition. She now leads Maryland's Office of Character Education where she combines both her professional and volunteer efforts on behalf of children and families.

AMI, founded in 1933, the official sponsor of Mothers Day, is the sponsor of the Mother-of-the-Year program where outstanding mothers from all walks of life and ethnic, racial and socio-economic backgrounds in America's 50 states and the District of Columbia are honored as representative of the "best in the state". The organization which has chapters in local communities throughout America provides outreach programs that enhance the growth and well-being of families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in cheering Mary Curtis Aranha, Maryland's 1999 Mother of the Year.

### INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 932, THE WORK FOR REAL WAGES

### HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 1999*

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on a bill that I recently introduced, H.R. 932—the Work for Real Wages Act. H.R. 932 requires that welfare recipients who perform unpaid work as a condition of receiving benefits be credited with wages for the purposes of calculating the Earned Income Tax Credit [EIC].

It is extremely unfair to require work, not pay any wages for that work, and credit nothing toward Social Security, unemployment compensation, and other wage-based benefits programs.

But this is exactly what is currently allowed under the new welfare reform law. States are able to enact welfare programs in which welfare recipients are forced to work off their welfare benefit, rather than receiving real wages.

My bill corrects this problem by crediting the hours worked without direct compensation as though minimum wage were paid for the purpose of claiming earned income tax credits.

If work is a virtue, then all work should be treated the same.

I urge my colleagues to support my bill, H.R. 932, the Work for Real Wages Act.